

Celebrating 150 Years of Presence and Service in Northeast Ohio

In 1872, Mother St. George Bradley and Sisters Aurelia Bracken and Madeline Hipplés arrived in Painesville, Ohio to teach at St. Mary's Parish, thus establishing the Sisters of St. Joseph's first mission in the Diocese of Cleveland. Three years later, they moved to the city of Cleveland and opened a small boarding school for girls with lessons in French, art and music.



The community continued to grow and moved several times before finding its permanent home in Rockport Hamlet, a farming community along the Rocky River now known as West Park. Mother Theresa Fitzmaurice, the Superior at the time, developed the property and in 1907, the new motherhouse (above) was completed and served as the convent, novitiate, and St. Joseph Academy until the current Academy building opened in 1929.

Since then, Sisters of St. Joseph have educated generations of students in schools across Northeast Ohio, where they served as teachers and administrators. They also ministered in parishes, hospitals, and many different social service agencies. When they saw a need that wasn't being met, they started their own ministries. These include



West Side Catholic Center, Seeds of Literacy, Providence House, Front Steps (formerly Transitional Housing), River's Edge, and the Women's Outreach Center. The ongoing work of these organizations serves as a testament to the Congregation of St. Joseph's legacy and dedication to finding and filling needs within their community.

Today, our sisters and associates continue to serve the community through active ministry and volunteerism, by advocating for those who are vulnerable, by speaking out about critical social justice issues, and by sharing their resources in support of people and organizations who are working on behalf of others to make a difference.

Plans are being made to celebrate our anniversary this summer, so stay tuned for more information. As our dear neighbors, friends and supporters, we hope you will join us, and we thank you for your ongoing support!

Life at *St. Joseph Center*

There is always something going on at St. Joseph Center! Our sisters enjoy a diverse array of mind, body and spirit offerings which provide opportunities to connect with one another, and contribute to an overall vibrant living experience.

Here are a few recent snapshots of life at St. Joseph Center!



Many sisters who live at St. Joseph Center have pets, including Sister Priscilla Saxton shown here demonstrating her dog Molly's special talents to Sisters Jan Henniger, Jeanne Cmolik and Hope Greener.



Sisters enjoyed a visit from the Cleveland Mounted Police, who dropped by St. Joseph Center in March. The sisters got to pet the horses and give them treats of apples. From left are Sisters Corita Ambro, Marie Gillich and Rita Petruziello.



On May 31, sisters lined the Saint Joseph Academy driveway to wave at graduates as they processed during the Walk of the Roses.

Sixteen years ago, Associate Suzy McNally was inspired by a presentation she attended by John Dear, an internationally known author, activist and teacher of peace and nonviolence, who encouraged attendees to bring about peace in practical ways. Suzy, who passed away several years ago, wanted to use our location on Rocky River Drive to promote justice and peace and invite others to join us. She envisioned a public witness on the front lawn of St. Joseph Center. Her hopeful action began in 2006 is now the Third Tuesday Witness for Peace held every month since. At right are Associate Dot Masterson, Sisters Marilyn Nickol and Carrie Vall, and Dorothy Sadowski who are regular attendees and supporters of this action.



Sisters enjoy many beautiful outdoor spaces at St. Joseph Center where they gather to visit with one another and enjoy nature, including the patio off the main dining room (above left), and several covered porches with views of our beautiful property (above right).



In May, sisters were invited to drop off and help plant pansies and daffodils they received during Easter. They enjoyed visiting with one another while they worked, and afterward cooled down with a glass of lemonade on the porch. Left, Sisters Pat McHale, Rita Petruziello and Madeline Lammermeier, Center, Sister Felicia Petruziello. Right, Sisters Audrey Koch and Pat Finn.

Jubilee

2022

The following sisters are celebrating Jubilee in Cleveland this year. Jubilee is the anniversary of a sisters' entrance into religious life.

Congratulations to all our sisters who are celebrating from around the Congregation this year!



Sister Jane Ann
Comerford, CSJ

75 Years



Sister Janet Bednar, CSJ
(Sister Marie Corde)

60 Years



Sister Cecilia Nagel, CSJ

75 Years



Sister Christine Mihalek, CSJ
(Sister Mary Ralph)

60 Years



Sister Rita Shinhearl, CSJ
(Sister Ceciliamarie)

70 Years



Sister Mary Brinkman, CSJ

50 Years



Sister Mary Lou Storey, CSJ
(Sister Elleen Marie)

70 Years



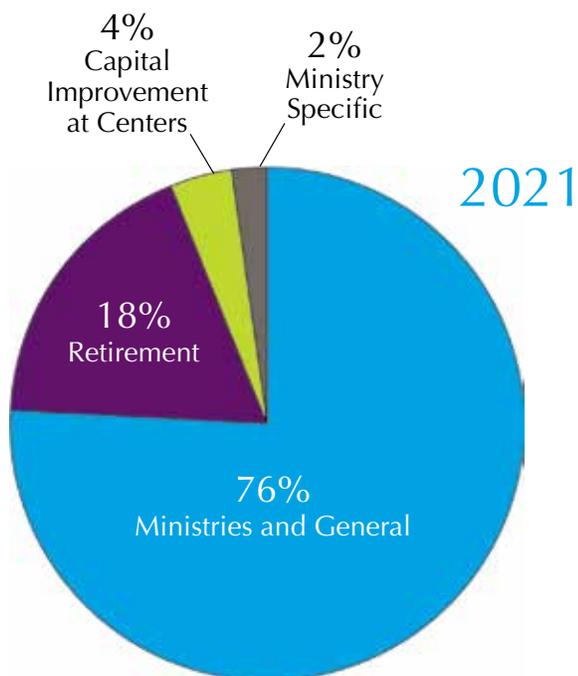
Sister Judith Minear, CSJ

25 Years

To view sister biographies, visit our Jubilarians page at CSJoseph.org

We Are **Blessed** by Your Support!

Here is how we used your charitable contributions this past year:



This reflects designated uses of the charitable donations we received in 2021. We openly share how gifts received on behalf of the Sisters of St. Joseph are used.

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Support the sisters even after your lifetime.

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Questions? Contact Melissa O'Leary at moleary@csjoseph.org or 216-688-3474.

In Memoriam

Sister Alice Rooney, CSJ

Entered into eternal life on August 7, 2021, after celebrating 69 years of religious life.



Sister Helen Ann Brown, CSJ

Entered into eternal life on December 25, 2021, after celebrating 64 years of religious life.



Sister Eileen Wentzel, CSJ

Entered into eternal life on January 25, 2022, after celebrating 76 years of religious life.



Sister Karen Lyons, CSJ

Entered into eternal life on February 23, 2022, after celebrating 62 years of religious life.



Sister Delphine Kennedy, CSJ

Entered into eternal life on May 17, 2022, after celebrating 69 years of religious life.



We celebrate the lives of all our sisters who passed away this year.

Saint Joseph Academy

Sisters show their support for our beloved neighbor and sponsored ministry - Saint Joseph Academy - by attending events throughout the year. This includes Celebrate the Academy held each year in February, and the annual Spring Luncheon held in May. Both events raise funds for student scholarships and other initiatives.

To learn more, go to SJA1890.org



Sister Corita Ambro with SJA students at the Spring Luncheon held in May at Westwood Country Club in Westlake.



Sister Paula Terese Pilon, Congregational Leadership Team Member Sister Jacqueline Goodin, SJA Board Member Sister Pat Kozak, Congregational Leadership Team Member Sister Kathy Brazda, and Associate and SJA Vice President of Mission, Jessica Wroblewski.



St. Colman Church

Sister Marilyn Nickol, Outreach Minister at St. Colman Church, and Tom Drescher of St. Colman Church greet Mike Novak, IT Manager at the Congregation of St. Joseph, to accept computers no longer in use. The donated computers go to St. Colman's computer lab and are used by GED students, women from Edna House for job skills classes, and "Earn a Computer" students who learn basic computer skills on them. When they complete the classes, they've earned a computer. "The lab and the donated computers are a wonderful blessing for many people," said Sister Marilyn.

To learn more, go to StColmanChurch.org

Women's Outreach Center

In June, the Women's Outreach Center at Franklin Circle Church in Cleveland re-opened its doors to homeless and formerly homeless women. The center, which was co-founded by Sisters Carrie Vall (right) and Felicia Petruziello (not pictured), along with Sister Patti Gentile, a Sister of Notre Dame (center), had been closed since the start of the pandemic. The center provides a safe and supportive space for women to come for community and to learn life skills. Also pictured is Hazel Williams.

To learn more, go to FranklinCircleChurch.org



Remembering Sister Catherine Pinkerton

Network Celebrates 50th Anniversary

This year, Network Lobby for Catholic Social Justice is celebrating 50 years of promoting the common good by lobbying for social justice rooted in Catholic Social Teaching in our nation's capitol. Our Congregation has long been engaged with and supported Network, starting with Sister Catherine Pinkerton - who served as Network's chief lobbyist for over 25 years working to ensure that all people living in the U.S. had access to healthcare and housing - through today with Executive Director Mary Novak, who is also an Associate of the Congregation.



Sister Catherine on the cover of the former Plain Dealer Sunday Magazine and meeting President Bill Clinton in 1997. Sister Sallie Latkovich and Mary Novak at the Network Gala.

In April, Sister Sallie Latkovich, a member of the Congregational Leadership Team and longtime friend of Sister Catherine's before her death in 2017, attended Network's Justice Ablaze Gala in Washington D.C., where several individuals were recognized with the Catherine Pinkerton Legacy Award. This award honors people

and organizations who work to change the structures that cause poverty and inequality, something Sister Catherine worked tirelessly to do. Congratulations Network!

[Learn more at NetworkLobby.org](https://www.networklobby.org)

Associate News

> In May, associates gathered at St. Joseph Center for their annual Spring Retreat. Leading this year's retreat was Elizabeth (Betsy) Nero, Co-Director of Centering Space in Lakewood (shown far left). Her presentation, entitled "Living Responsibly: Caring for God's Creation," focused on eco-spirituality and ways to deepen our attention to Earth as a way of growing in love of God, neighbor and all of creation.



< Seven associates recently volunteered at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, filling boxes of non-perishable food items to be distributed to people in six Northeast Ohio counties. The Food Bank provides food to more than 1,000 local food pantries, hot meal programs, shelters, mobile pantries, programs for the elderly and other nonprofit agencies. At left are Associates Mary and Ed Zavoda, Jan Henderson, Michelle Tarr, Catherine Bailey, and Joanne Kalynchuk. In front is Associate Renee Brickman, who organized the event.



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Spotlight Photo



Sister Theresa Hafner, who is celebrating 10 years working in the religious education office at St. Joan of Arc Parish in Chagrin Falls, was surprised with flowers, cake and gifts from her co-workers. She also received hand-made cards from students.

Ministry of the Arts

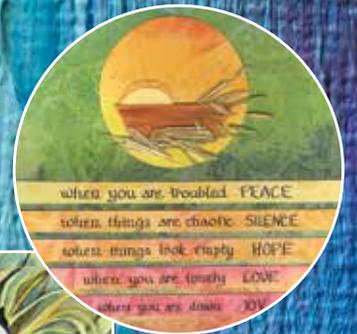
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Artwork by Sisters
Mary Southard,
Frankie Dutil and
Pat Willems